

Technical Assistance Overview: Tribal EECBG Program

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- Goals & Objectives
- Key Principles
- Approach & Delivery
- Accessing Technical Assistance (TA)
 - Online resources: Solution Center and TAP Blog
 - Provider network: Technical Assistance Center (TAC)
 - Tribal TA Regional Coordinator Team (ICF International)
- Next Steps

Goal: To provide Tribal EECBG recipients with the resources needed to swiftly implement successful and sustainable energy efficiency and conservation programs.

Objectives

- *Accelerate implementation*, by proactively providing assistance to grantees
- *Improve the performance* of programs and projects, by connecting grantees to technical expertise and sharing best practices
- *Increase the sustainability of Recovery Act investments*, by assisting grantees in developing policies and programs
- *Build capacity* by supporting and expanding a network of energy practitioners

- Establish a network of technical experts to develop materials and provide one-on-one assistance
- Create an online portal to house TA resources
- Deploy Tribal regional coordinators that 1) proactively connect grantees to technical assistance resources and 2) identify emerging trends and needs
- Create infrastructure to systematically manage TA requests

- Team Approach
 - DOE Headquarters
 - DOE Golden Tribal Team (Project Officers, Project Monitors)
 - Tribal Regional Coordinators (TRC's)
 - Provider Network
 - TAP Infrastructure (Technical Assistance Center and Call Center)
- Streamlined assistance, minimizing communications and access problems
- Dynamic and flexible framework, capable of responding to your needs and growing as demand requires

Solution Center: <http://wip.energy.gov/solutioncenter>

The screenshot shows the 'Solution Center' page for the U.S. Department of Energy, specifically for Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy. The page has a green header with the department's name and a navigation bar with links for 'Webcasts', 'Project Map', and 'Request Technical Assistance'. A left sidebar lists various categories: Buildings, Electric Power and Renewable Energy, Energy Education, Industry, Policy, Planning, and Energy Security, Transportation, Financial Products, and Technical Assistance Services. The main content area features a description of the Solution Center's purpose, an 'Upcoming Webcast' titled 'Getting to Net Zero Today' scheduled for March 18, 2010, at 12:00 EST, and a 'Need Help?' section with a button to 'Click Here to Request Technical Assistance' and a phone number. Below this is an 'Activities' section with a paragraph about best practices and a 3D diagram illustrating various energy efficiency and conservation activities like material conservation, energy audits, and renewable energy technologies. A right sidebar includes a search bar, links to the EERE Information Center, and buttons for 'SEP Program Guidance' and 'EECBG Program Guidance'.

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Solution Center *Technical Assistance for EECBG & SEP*

Webcasts | Project Map | Request Technical Assistance

Buildings

The Solution Center is the home for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program and State Energy Program (SEP) technical assistance resources. The goal of the Solution Center is to help eligible grantees and sub-grantees develop and implement successful energy efficiency and conservation projects and programs that meet the conditions and guidelines of the EECBG and SEP programs. Please spend some time exploring this page and take full advantage of the resources available.

Upcoming Webcast

Getting to Net Zero Today

March 18, 2010, 12:00 EST

[Register Now>](#)

Need Help?

[Click Here to Request Technical Assistance](#)

Or call 1-877-EERE-TAP (1-877-337-3827)

Activities

The Solution Center has gathered best practices, tools, sample projects, and other related resources for all eligible EECBG and SEP activities. Find resources for your projects via the maps below or the menu on the left-hand side of this page.

EECBG Activities | SEP Activities

Material Conservation Programs

Reduction and Capture of Methane and Greenhouse Gases

Development of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy

Energy Efficiency Retrofits, Energy Distribution Technologies

Renewable Energy Technologies on

Financial

Residential and Commercial Building Energy Audits

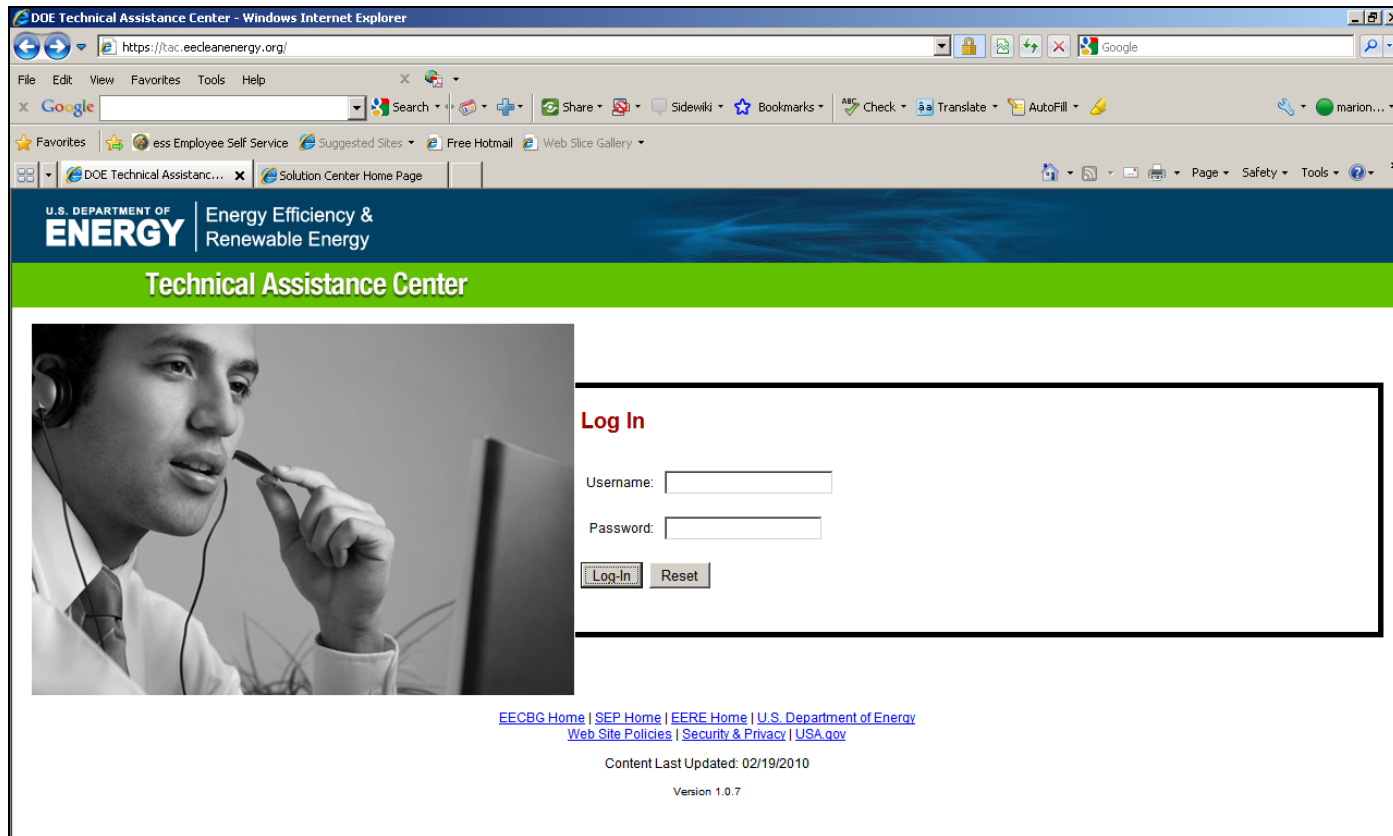
FEATURES

SEP Program Guidance

EECBG Program Guidance

Resources include: best practices, webinars, project map, events calendar, TAP blog (<http://www.eereblogs.energy.gov/tap/>)

Technical Assistance Center live now: <https://tac.eecleanenergy.org/>



The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window with the address bar displaying <https://tac.eecleanenergy.org/>. The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for navigation and utility. The address bar shows the URL. The browser's status bar at the bottom indicates the page is from "DOE Technical Assistance Center".

The webpage header features the U.S. Department of Energy logo and the text "Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy". Below this is a green banner with the text "Technical Assistance Center".

The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left is a black and white photograph of a man wearing a headset and holding a pen to his chin, looking at a computer monitor. On the right is a "Log In" form with the following fields and buttons:

- Log In** (heading)
- Username:
- Password:
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Below the login form, there are several links: [EECBG Home](#), [SEP Home](#), [EERE Home](#), [U.S. Department of Energy](#), [Web Site Policies](#), [Security & Privacy](#), and [USA.gov](#). At the bottom, it states "Content Last Updated: 02/19/2010" and "Version 1.0.7".

Make a request for direct technical assistance here
or call 1-877-EERE-TAP (1-877-337-3827)

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-The TRC's are the primary point of contact for grantees to access TAP, and will be making targeted outreach calls to offer assistance and connect grantees to TAP resources.

-The role of the TRC's is to support the Project Officers, who remain the primary point of contact for your grant awards.

- Requests are evaluated and assigned
- Criteria which may be considered in determining the level and type of technical assistance:
 - Will the TA support the intended benefits of the Recovery Act?
 - Are local TA resources available?
 - Is the TA critical to the successful completion of the project?
 - Will the TA expedite the project's completion?
 - Will it lead to a sustainable program or project?
- TRC's will facilitate the TAC request and follow-up process
- A network of experts will respond to requests

Who is TAP?

DOE National Laboratories: National Renewable Energy Lab, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory • American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy • Ballard Spahr, LLP • Boise State Environmental Finance Center • Cadmus • Catalyst Financial Group • Center for Climate Strategies, Inc. • E. P. System Group • Energy Efficiency Finance Corporation • Energy Futures Group • Energy Programs Consortium • Energy Services Coalition • Great Lakes Environmental Finance Center • HarcourtBrown • ICF International • Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance • National Association of State Energy Officials • National Association of Counties • National Governors Association • National Resources Defense Council • New England Environmental Finance Center • New Mexico Tech Environmental Finance Center • Northcross, Hill & Ach • Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships • Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance • Public Technology Institute • Renewable Funding • Sentech, Inc. • Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance • Southwest Energy Efficiency Project • Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future • Syracuse Environmental Finance Center • Tensleep Advisory • The Cadmus Group, Inc. • University of Delaware Center for Energy and Environmental Policy • University of Louisville Environmental Finance Center • University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center • University of North Carolina Environmental Finance Center • University of North Carolina School of Government • Vermont Energy Investment Corporation

Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trainings• Workshops• Peer-to-peer matching
Performance Contracting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designing and implementing a performance contract• Leveraging private investment• Reducing institutional barriers• Tracking and comparing programs
Financing	Program design support and guidance on financing mechanisms such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revolving loan funds (RLFs)• Property-assessed clean energy (PACE)• Loan loss reserves and enhanced credit mechanisms
Program Design and Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy and program development• Coordinating rate-payer funded dollars with ARRA projects and programs• Sustainable community and building design• State and regional EE and RE assessments and planning• EE and RE portfolio program design elements
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renewable energy siting and development• Review of technical specs for RFPs• Strategic planning, energy management, and conservation strategies• Green building technologies• Building codes

- Tribal Regional Coordinators
 - Contact a Tribal Regional Coordinator for a one-on-one technical assistance scoping call
 - TRC's will be calling grantees to offer technical assistance services
- TAC
 - If you do not have login information or have any difficulties, please contact the Call Center at 1-877-EERE-TAP (1-877-337-3827).
- Meetings and Workshops
 - TA regional workshops (contact your PO or a TRC for schedule)
- Feedback

Thank You

TAP is DOE's opportunity to help you! We encourage you to:

- Explore our online resources via the [Solution Center](#)
- Connect with one another and experts at the [TAP Blog](#)
- Submit a request via the [Technical Assistance Center](#)
- Ask questions via our call center at 1-877-337-3827 or email us at solutioncenter@ee.doe.gov

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